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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 539

By Womack

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mrs. Mary C. Scales for  
laudable service to the people of Tennessee,  
and congratulate her upon receiving the  
Community Service Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those  
persons who through their meritorious efforts have distinguished themselves as community  
leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mrs. Mary C. Scales, who will be recognized  
as a Community Service Award recipient on January 29, 2000 at the Awards Banquet of The  
Murfreesboro Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. The award was established to  
recognize essential contributors to the well-being of the African American communities in  
Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, Mary Scales has successfully pursued her educational goals; she received  
her Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Tennessee State University, a Master's  
degree from Middle Tennessee State University, and has completed post-graduate work at  
Peabody/Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Scales has dedicated her life to perpetuating educational excellence; she has served as a classroom teacher, Supervisor of Instruction for the Rutherford County School System, Assistant Professor of Education at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), a Mathematics Specialist for the Tennessee State Department of Education, and as the Associate Dean of Continuing Studies and Public Service at MTSU; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Scales epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; she formerly dedicated a great deal of her time and talents as a City Councilwoman; she has also served as a member of the Murfreesboro City School Board, the Senior Citizens Board of Directors, the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Rutherford County, and as a MTSU Foundation Trustee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Scales' outstanding community service has not gone unappreciated; she received the *Daily News Journal's* first "Trailblazer" award, the "Silver Medallion" award of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the "Outstanding Service" award from the city of Murfreesboro. She was honored in the national magazine, *Essence*, as a "Woman of Courage," and appeared as a special guest on Tony Brown's national television show; and

WHEREAS, Mary Scales is a devout and active member of First Church where she serves as the Treasurer, Bible Teacher of the Ardent Workers Missionary Society, and a Vacation Bible School Teacher; and

WHEREAS, she is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband of 50 years, former Vice Mayor of Murfreesboro Robert "T-90" Scales, and their sons, Robert, Jr. and Preston Scales, and daughters Madelyn Harris and Joan Simmons; she is also a doting grandmother; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mrs. Mary C. Scales for her dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mrs. Mary C. Scales on receiving the Community Service Award from the Murfreesboro Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.